

ASSEMBLY, No. 633

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2020 SESSION

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SYNOPSIS

Requires NJ State Council on Arts to establish “Artist District” designation and select certain municipalities or areas within municipalities for such designation.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning the establishment of an “Artist District”
2 designation and supplementing P.L.1996, c.214 (C.52:16A-25 et
3 seq.).
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. a. In addition to the powers and responsibilities provided
9 under any other law, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts shall
10 establish an “Artist District” designation for a municipality or an
11 area within a municipality.

12 b. The council shall establish criteria required for a
13 municipality or area within a municipality to be designated by the
14 council as an Artist District, including the minimum number of art
15 related services and venues, such as businesses, galleries, museums,
16 organizations, performance halls, studios, theaters, or other
17 facilities, that must be located in the municipality or the area of the
18 municipality. An Artist District may also constitute a concentration
19 of certain types of art, such as dance, film, literature or writing,
20 music, or performing or visual arts, or types of services and venues.

21 c. A municipality may apply to the council for designation as
22 an Artist District or for designation of an area within the
23 municipality as an Artist District. A municipality shall apply to the
24 council for the designation on a standard form created by the
25 council and made available on the council’s Internet site.

26 d. After receipt of an application for designation as an Artist
27 District, the council shall, within 60 calendar days, review and
28 approve, approve with conditions, or reject the application.

29 e. The council shall, in consultation with the Division of Travel
30 and Tourism, adopt guidance or standards for an Artist District to
31 advertise, market, or promote itself as a destination for artists and
32 visitors. An Artist District may advertise or otherwise use its
33 designation in accordance with the guidance or standards.
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35 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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38 STATEMENT
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40 This bill would require the New Jersey State Council on the Arts to
41 establish an “Artist District” designation for municipalities or areas
42 within municipalities, to establish criteria for the designation, and to
43 work with the Division of Travel and Tourism in the Department of
44 State to promote any Artist District as a destination for artists and
45 visitors.

46 The council would establish criteria required for a municipality or
47 area within a municipality to be designated by the council as an Artist
48 District, including the minimum number of art related services and

1 venues, such as businesses, galleries, museums, organizations
2 performance halls, studios, theaters, or other facilities, that must be
3 located in the municipality or the area within the municipality. An
4 Artist District may also constitute a concentration of certain types of
5 art, such as dance, literature or writing, film, music, or performing or
6 visual arts, or types of services and venues.

7 The council would, within 60 calendar days, review and approve,
8 approve with conditions, or reject an application for designation as an
9 Artist District. Further, the council would, in consultation with the
10 Division of Travel and Tourism, adopt guidance or standards for an
11 Artist District to advertise, market, or promote itself as a destination
12 for artists and visitors. An Artist District may advertise or otherwise
13 use its designation in accordance with the guidance or standards.

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